NEW ZEALAND

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IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF RABBIT HAEMORRHAGIC DISEASE VIRUS INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM AUSTRALIA

PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1 IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

1.1 Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the import health standard for the importation of rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus into New Zealand from Australia.

1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus imported into New Zealand from Australia is dependant upon the consignment meeting the requirements of this import health standard.

1.3 This import health standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other lawful reason, at the discretion of the Chief Veterinary Officer.

2 PERMIT TO IMPORT

2.1 Prior to importation, it is mandatory that the importer applies for a permit to import, which authorises the importation of an organsism into New Zealand.

This permit is obtained from:

The Chief Veterinary Officer
Ministry of Agriculture
P O Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

2.2 The importer shall declare on the application the number of vials that are to be imported.

2.3 Permits will be issued for a single consignment only.

2.4 Attached to, and an integral part of the permit to import, is the current import health standard which describes the conditions under which the animal may be imported into New Zealand.

3 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of rabbit

haemorrhagic disease virus shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.

3.2 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity direction and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.

4 DEFINITION OF TERMS

biosecurity clearance
As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

equivalence
Acceptance by the Chief Veterinary Officer that the circumstances relating to the importation of a consignment are such that the health status of the consignment is equivalent to the health status of a consignment that complies with the requirements of the import health standard.

Inspector
As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

MAF
The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture.

5 EQUIVALENCE

This import health standard is in accordance with agreements between the exporting country and New Zealand. Biosecurity clearance will not normally be given to a consignment that does not meet the requirements of this import health standard in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that due to circumstances beyond the control of the importer or exporter a consignment does not comply with the requirements of this import health standard. In such cases, an application for equivalence submitted prior to importation will be considered and may be given at the discretion of the Chief Veterinary Officer if the following information is provided by the exporting country's government veterinary authority:

5.1 which clause/s of the import health standard cannot be met and how this has occurred;

5.2 the reason/s the consignment may be considered of equivalent health status to a consignment complying with this import health standard, and/or what proposal is made to achieve an equivalent health status;
5.3 the reason/s why the veterinary authority believes this proposal should be acceptable to the Chief Veterinary Officer and their recommendation for its

acceptance.

PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

6 ELIGIBILITY

Only vials of ‘Rabbit Calicivirus Injectable’ in the original sealed commercial packaging are permitted entry into New Zealand. This product is registered by Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation with the National Registration Authority, No. 48628.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

7 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

7.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival. The Inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment.

7.3 Providing that the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY, the consignment may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

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